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Dear Mr. Gibson:

Referencing I.D. # C00263053; October Quarterly Report (7/1/98-9/30/98); your form letter RQ-3 dated April 1, 1999:


Within 72 hours of receiving Lucy Denny's letter dated March 3, 1999, I spoke with our C.P.A. who does all the reports and then to Lucy. I was appointed treasurer to fill out a partial year term of a treasurer who resigned. All reports are done by the C.P.A. and he has a small office in this community which is overloaded with tax preparations until April 15. I asked Lucy if this could wait until then since it really concerns a few technical errors and nothing major. She indicated that we might get a follow-up letter but that it shouldn't cause any major problem.

Your letter, on the other hand, seems very threatening and I am concerned. This is a small, local, volunteer committee that has nothing to do with campaigning for any offices. We register voters, have telephone get out the vote campaigns, answer questions from callers about our political party and have a card table at a farmer's market to also answer people's questions when they stop to chat. We are all either retired or have small businesses to run.

Please be a little bit patient with us for another 20 to 30 days. I understand that the new treasurer is also in process of going through the procedures to terminate our reporting. An independent audit told us that we are not even required to file any of these reports since we don't meet your definitions.

One of our treasurers over a decade ago started filling out these reports because he was misinformed. We've been doing it ever since because nobody here understood their purpose.


Thank you for your assistance. Sincerely,


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